

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-61 are pending in the application. Claims 30-34 and 54-60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112. Claims 30-32 and 34 have been rejected under U.S.C § 102(b) as anticipated by Mummert. Claims 35-53 and 61 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 33 and 54-60 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejections and to include the limitations of the base claim. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In response, claim 30 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 31 and 33, which have been canceled. Claims 35-53, 56, and 57 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 47 has been amended to delete limitations, which are now presented in new claim 62. New claims 63 and 64 have been added. These claims include limitations of claims 54 and 55, which have been canceled. New claim 65 depends from claims 64, and is therefore believed patentable with the parent claim. Various other amendments have been made to correct the dependency of the claims and to delete the term "preferably".

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicant submits that claims 30, 32, 34-53, and 56-64 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a notice of allowance for these claims be issued.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition

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for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 136(a)(3).

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